

**UN Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Committee on Fisheries (COFI) SIDE SESSION**

IPOA-SEABIRDS: BEST PRACTICES FOR NPOA DEVELOPMENT

**March 10, 2005, Thursday, 1:00pm to 2:30pm
Ethiopia Room (C285/89)**

Objectives:

- Inform about status of NPOA development
- Encourage NPOA development
- Identify “best practices” and essential elements for NPOA

Session Topics and Speakers:

- Opening Remarks--Mr. Wilfried Thiele, Senior Fishery Industry Officer, Fishing Technology Service, Fishery Industries Division, Fisheries Department, FAO
- Opening Remarks--Mr. David Balton, US Department of State, Head of US Delegation
- Outreach: Mr. David Fischer, American Bird Conservancy
- NPOA Overview: Ms. Kim Rivera, NOAA Fisheries Service (US)
- Essential Elements for NPOA-Seabirds: Dr. Ben Sullivan, BirdLife International

Time will be available for discussion. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences with NPOA-Seabirds, seabird avoidance measures, and issues of seabird/fishery interactions.

For additional information on FAO and the IPOA-Seabirds, see http://www.fao.org/figis/servlet/static?dom=org&xml=ipoa_seabirds.xml